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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF GKR CHARGE FOR ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA

REF: BANGKOK 6170

PRESS REPORT IN BANGKOK POST OF APR 10 (REFTEL)
CORRECTLY REPORTED THAT GKR CHARG, THEAM BUN SRUN,
AHD ASKED FOR AND OBTAINED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS
FAMILY FROM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS GRANTED APR 10.
ON APR 11, WHEN EMBOFF WAS DISCUSSING THEAM REQUEST ON TELEPHONE
WITH DFA OFFICER, SECOND SECRETARY OF GKR EMBASSY CANBERRA, PAN PAU,
CALLED ON DFA OFFICER TO MAKE SAME ARRANGEMENT FOR HIMSELF
AND HIS FAMILY. AS GKR AMBASSADOR, CHHUT CHHOEUR, HAS BEEN
IN NEW YORK AS CAMBODIAN PERMANENT REP AT UN SINCE SEPT,
1974, THIS LEAVES ONLY ATTACHE, HY HOL, AT GKR EMBASSY
CANBERRA

AT PRESS CONFERENCE APR 11 AT THEAM'S HOME IN CAN-
BERRA, BOTH THEAM AND PAN SPOKE TO PRESS. PAN STATED HE
HAD MADE HIS DECISION TO RESIGN APR 10, THOUGH HE SAID HE
HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATING IT FOR SOME TIME. PAN SAID HE WAS
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CONVINCED CAMBODIAN PEOPLE CONSIDERED PRINCE SIHANOUK LEADER

OF THEIR COUNTRY AND FOR FIRST TIME WERE SAYING IT OPENLY.

IN STATEMENT TO PRESS ISSUED AFTER HIS RESIGNATION
ON APR 10, THEAM SAID HE RESIGNED BECAUSE HE COULD NO
LONGER SERVE REGIME IN PHNOM PENH QTE WHICH DOES NOT
REPRESENT THE WILL OF EVEN A FRACTION OF THE PEOPLE END QTE,
AND HE PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR QTE NATIONALISTS END QTE HEADED
BY PRINCE SIHANOUK. STATEMENT WENT ON TO ACCUSE LON NOL
REGIME OF INCOMPETENCE, CORRUPTION, AND TREASON AGAINST
INTERESTS OF COUNTRY AND PEOPLE. THEAM SAID HE HAD NOT RPT
NOT DEFECTED.

THEAM ADDED HE HAD HEARD THAT GKR AMBASSADOR TO
AUSTRALIA, CHHUT EHHOEUR, WHO WAS CURRENTLY IN U.S. WITH
HIS FAMILY, HAD SENT FOR HIS POSSESSIONS.

BOTH THEAM AND PAN SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO
CAMBODIA ONCE QTE THE NATIONALISTS END QTE WERE IN CONTROL.
THEAM SAID, QTE WE ARE PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING THE NEW
GOVERNMENT GIVES US END QTE.
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